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Nebraska's Third- Annual Mobilization

Ashland Guard Camp, August 29 to
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Years hence you can think back and remember how you fought the battle of CAP at the annual mobilization held at Ashland. You can record it in your memoirs as one of the high spots in World War II. Well, at least this Third Mobilization is going to be one that you won't forget and one you cannot afford to miss.

With emphasis on forming new friendships, finding out what is near in aviation, through manufacturer's representatives, flying numerous types of missions, taking care of all the provisional work for new members and completing it while at camp, taking part in a well organized recreation plan, and finding out what will be our interests and program after the war, along with conferences and questions periods, radio demonstrations, rifle competition and possibly link trainer time. All these and more will form our program this year.

It's a whale of a lot of work to organize a mobilization but your officers are willing and glad to do it. Now it is up to every Squadron and Flight Commander and every CAP member to get those old members back on the roll and round up all the new members possible and bring them all out to this mobilization. We would like to see four hundred present this year.

Watch for pre-registration notices and special bulletins. Meals will be served for one dollar per day the same as last year. Get your uniform in shape now. New ones may be obtained from the Wing Supply Officer. Brush up on your military courtesy as many Army officers will be present.

Plan your vacation at Ashland and enjoy swimming, recreation and things of interest in Civil Air Patrol and aviation. Less work and more information and play will be the order of the day this year.



Governor Dwight Griswold of Nebraska signs Proclamation announcing CAP WEEK in Nebraska. Looking on are, left to right, Lt. W. G. Brown, CO Lincoln Squadron, Capt. Kenneth D. Kimmel, CO Group 762, Lt. C. E. Taylor, Executive Officer, Lincoln Squadron, and Lt. H. C. Henderson, Intelligence Officer.—(Photo Courtesy Lincoln Squadron.)

State-Wide CAP Week

CAP WEEK began with Governor Griswold's Proclamation of May 13 to 20 as CAP Recruitment Week, and several Mayors of town made similar proclamations.

In Omaha arrangements were made in all high schools to have special assemblies at which a Wing Staff member appeared to speak. Over two hundred cadets were signed up in this way.

Most of Omaha's luncheon and service clubs were hosts to Wing Staff representatives, who spoke on Civil Air Patrol. The Wing Communications officer produced a variety of 5-minute transcriptions concerning our organization and sent them to radio stations throughout the state. (Continued on page 4)

Summer Camp For Cadets At Kearney Army Air Field

Arrangements are progressing rapidly for the Cadet summer encampment at the Kearney Air Base August 13-25.

The quota of two hundred Cadets has been far surpassed and it has been necessary to reduce requested attendance of many squadrons.

Through the generosity of the Nebraska Elks Lodge, fourteen hundred dollars has been made available for the purchase of uniforms for those cadets attending camp. This is a splendid example of a great fraternal order expressing its interest and appreciation of the

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Future of CAP In Doubt?

AVIATION NEWS, published by McGraw-Hill, states that Civil Air Patrol's future outlook is unfavorable, following disclosure of the War Department appropriation bill which made no provision for CAP in 1946, and that the CAP League, originally formed to continue CAP after the war, has not yet shown what role it proposes to play.

Lt. Col. Harry B. Sidles, Nebraska Wing Commander, was called upon to discuss this item and to express his opinion of the news and how it might effect Civil Air Patrol. Col. Sidles statement is as follows:

"This should not be particularly alarming to any one, as this has happened on two previous occasions in the past. As a matter of fact, Wing Headquarters has been advised that appropriations have not been made as yet for the Army Air Forces, so accordingly we could believe that the future of the AAF might be unfavorable.

"In view of the fact that AAF personnel and various transportation vehicles and training aids are being assigned to CAP, we should not look too unfavorable as to the future and post war activities of Civil Air Patrol."

NEW TRAINING PLANES ARRIVED, STILL GROUNDED

Six PT-17's arrived Decoration Day for use by Nebraska Wing Civil Air Patrol in giving orientation flights to Cadets. Pending receipt of operations orders the planes are grounded. These orders should arrive soon, however, and then the planes will immediately be put to use in their designated function.

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Elk's Club of Nebraska presents uniforms to Civil Air Patrol Cadets who will attend summer camp at Kearney Army Air Base. Left to right are Captain Leonard J. Heinsen, CO Omaha Squadron 1, Cadet CO Charles Martin, and Mr. J. C. Travis, Chairman of the Elk's War Committee.—(Omaha World-Herald Photo.)

Elk's Lodge Is Civil Air Patrol Booster

The June issue of the Elk's Magazine, national publication of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States, carried a story about the activities and training program of Civil Air Patrol, by Fairfax Downey, which is the best coverage of our organization ever brought to our attention.

The article covers every phase of our activities since the inception of Civil Air Patrol, and individual incidents described have been taken from the experiences of CAP Squadrons throughout the country.

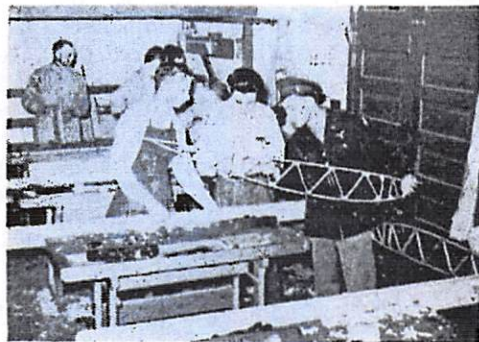
The best thing about Downey's story however, is the fact that it is true. We have all read some pretty far-fetched stories about Civil Air Patrol, written by people who think facts are less fascinating than fiction. Members of Civil Air Patrol know that our history is an unusual and interesting phase of war-time America, born of patriotism in the raw and developed by man's best instincts—to learn and to give.

Nebraska Civil Air Patrol has another reason to be grateful to the Elks. Knowing the work of the Elk's War Committee, four CAP officers approached Mr. J. C. Travis of Omaha, chairman of the Committee, with the suggestion that they furnish new uniforms to the two hun-

dred CAP Cadets from Nebraska who will attend the summer camp at the Kearney Army Air Base. The result was that the Lodge subscribed the necessary \$1,400.00 for the uniforms, and donations poured into the Elk's headquarters from local lodges all over the state.

So the Nebraska Cadets at summer camp will be smartly turned out in new uniforms, which will give the group that look of clean cut precision which adds so much to a military bearing, and pride in their appearance which is such an important morale factor.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks — The Nebraska Wing Staff Thanks You, The Squadrons Thank You, The Cadets Thank You, All Civil Air Patrol Thanks You!



Omaha Squadron 3 members in A & E Mechanics Course at Omaha University. Lt. Glen Fisher inspects wing spar.—(Photo by W/O H. E. Wohlford.)

New Units In The Nebraska Wing

BOYSTOWN CADET FLIGHT

A cadet flight has been organized at Father Flanagan's famous Boystown by Captain W. C. Garner and members of his Omaha Squadron 3. At the present approximately one hundred boys have enrolled for Civil Air Patrol training, and classes are being held once a week. The flight is attached to Squadron 3 and Squadron members are the instructors.

—Clay County Squadron—

A new Squadron was activated this last month, with Headquarters at the Harvard Army Air Field, Harvard Nebr. The Commanding Officer, Lt. Milton A. Meyer, is in the Civilian Training Branch there. He was formerly a member of the Lincoln Squadron.

This Squadron starts off with a large membership, and should rapidly become one of the largest and strongest in the Nebraska Wing. Its officers are all engaged in civilian instruction work at the field, and all the training facilities of the base have been put at the disposal of the Civil Air Patrol Squadron. Classes and meetings will be held at the Field.

Personnel of the Squadron come from several localities near the air base, and is to be known as the Clay County Squadron.

—Group 761 Reorganized—

Lt. Roy L. Highfield has been appointed Commanding Officer of Group 761, succeeding Capt. M. J. Warren in the post. This Group consists of the Omaha Squadrons and Blair. New Group Officers are: Executive Officer, Capt. W. C. Garner; Training Officer, Lt. G. T. Mork; Intelligence Officer, Lt. J. Kenneth Ewing; Communications Officer, Capt. Leonard J. Heinsen; and Operations Officer, Lt. C. D. Howard.

—Omaha Squadron No. 4—

Omaha has another Squadron. Its commanding Officer is Lt. G. T. Mork, formerly leader of Flights C and D of Squadron 3. Besides the Squadron and Cadet Flight in Omaha, Squadron 4 has organized attached Flights at Ashland and Bellevue.

Station license is issued to Lt. Col. Harry B. Sidles, Wing Commander, and covers any units now licensed or to be licensed as Civil Air Patrol stations in Nebraska.

Omaha Squadron 1 members who operate a number of the units have for the most part built their own radios. The radio section meets once a week to work on building and re-building their equipment, and testing.

Tenshun! Squadron Photo Groups

Sgt. Wilbur Lyon, photo section leader of Omaha Squadron 1, recently wrote to the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York, to inquire about obtaining training material to be used in class work. In response he received an unlimited amount of training material and literature, together with lists of training slide lectures which may be obtained free of charge on a loan basis.

This is an opportunity for other Squadrons which have members interested in photography to get up to date training data. Write to the Eastman Kodak Co., Camera Club Department, Attention Mr. A. C. Schmitt, Rochester, New York; also to Agfa, Inc., Binghamton, New York.

FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED TO HIGH-SCORING MEMBERS OF GRAND ISLAND SQUADRON

Captain Paul G. Gordon, CO of the Grand Island Squadron, announces that by gratuity of special local sponsorships arranged (including individuals now serving as Squadron staff officers) flying time awards will be made as follows:

At the end of each eight weeks of training, the two high class members will each be awarded eight hours of dual flight instruction free.

At the end of each four weeks of training, the four high class members will each be awarded one hour of observation flight time free. Selection of class members awarded flying time will be made on qualifications of attendance, examination grades, deportment and general cooperation.

Captain Baldwin Has Flight Award Plan For Fremont

Captain Arthur Baldwin, Group Commander at Fremont, has developed plans to grant five cadets a flying scholarship of ten hours each. Funds are to be raised by popular subscription from merchants, and indications are that the money will be raised without difficulty. However, because of the summer vacation period the plan is being deferred until fall.

Lt. Mork of Omaha No. 4 Promotes Flying

Lt. G. T. Mork, CO of the newly formed Omaha Squadron No. 4 has a drawing at each bi-weekly class session, the winner receiving one hour's observation flight in a Squadron plane. This Squadron also has a very good plan whereby members may win their observer's wings. For one dollar an hour, paid into a pool for expenses, members may get fifteen hours observer time in a Squadron member's plane.

LINCOLN SQUADRON HOLDS REVIEW AND INSPECTION

On Sunday June 17, Lincoln Squadron met at the Union Airport for a flag raising ceremony. First there was military drill in which both boy's and girl's sections participated, followed by the flag raising. Then came the formal review and inspection, with Capt. Kimmel, Grp. Commander, Lt. H. C. Henderson, Lt. Orlo Powell and WO Harriet Turner, Squadron Staff members, in the reviewing stand. Lt. W. G. Brown is Commanding Officer of Lincoln Squadron.

Squadron 1 Flies Breakfast Mission

Ten planes manned by Omaha Squadron 1 pilots and observers took off at daybreak June 24. Objective was Fremont—target, ham and eggs.

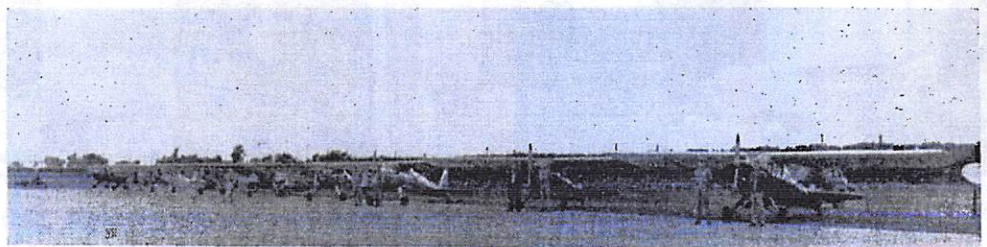
Captain Arthur Baldwin, Group Commander, and other Fremont CAP personnel met Captain Leonard Heinsen's group at the airport and took them to the Pathfinder Hotel for a fine breakfast.

This was the first of a series of similar missions in the Omaha Squadron's plans for the next few months.

CAP—WERS Network For Nebraska

The Nebraska Wing has been issued a station license by the Federal Communications Commission to operate a WERS network. Call letters assigned are KCHK.

Eighteen receiver-transmitter units were ready when the license application was sent in, and are now operating. Units 1 and 2 are located in Lincoln, the other sixteen in Omaha.



Ten planes of Omaha Squadron 1 line up at Fremont airport before take-off for return to Omaha.—(Photo by Squadron 1 Photo Section.)

State - Wide CAP Week

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Omaha Squadrons 1 and 3 cooperated in decorating four large windows in the downtown section. Omaha Squadron 2 girls staffed booths in theater lobbies and the desk at the Aeronca Chief display at Brandeis'. Having this airplane on the floor in this large department store created a great deal of interest.

North Platte did an outstanding job on their assignment to observe the special week. They had a very good display in a store window, had good newspaper coverage, including a Proclamation by the Mayor, and report seventy-five minutes of radio broadcast time given to Civil Air Patrol.

Capt. W. C. Garner, CO of Omaha Squadron 3, announced that the winner of one hour's flight in his PT-19 for the member of his unit who recruited the most new members was Lt. Ivan Abdouch, Squadron Intelligence Officer. The award was based on Lt. Abdouch's efforts and cooperation in organizing the Boystown Flight.

Cadet Summer Camp At Kearney AAF

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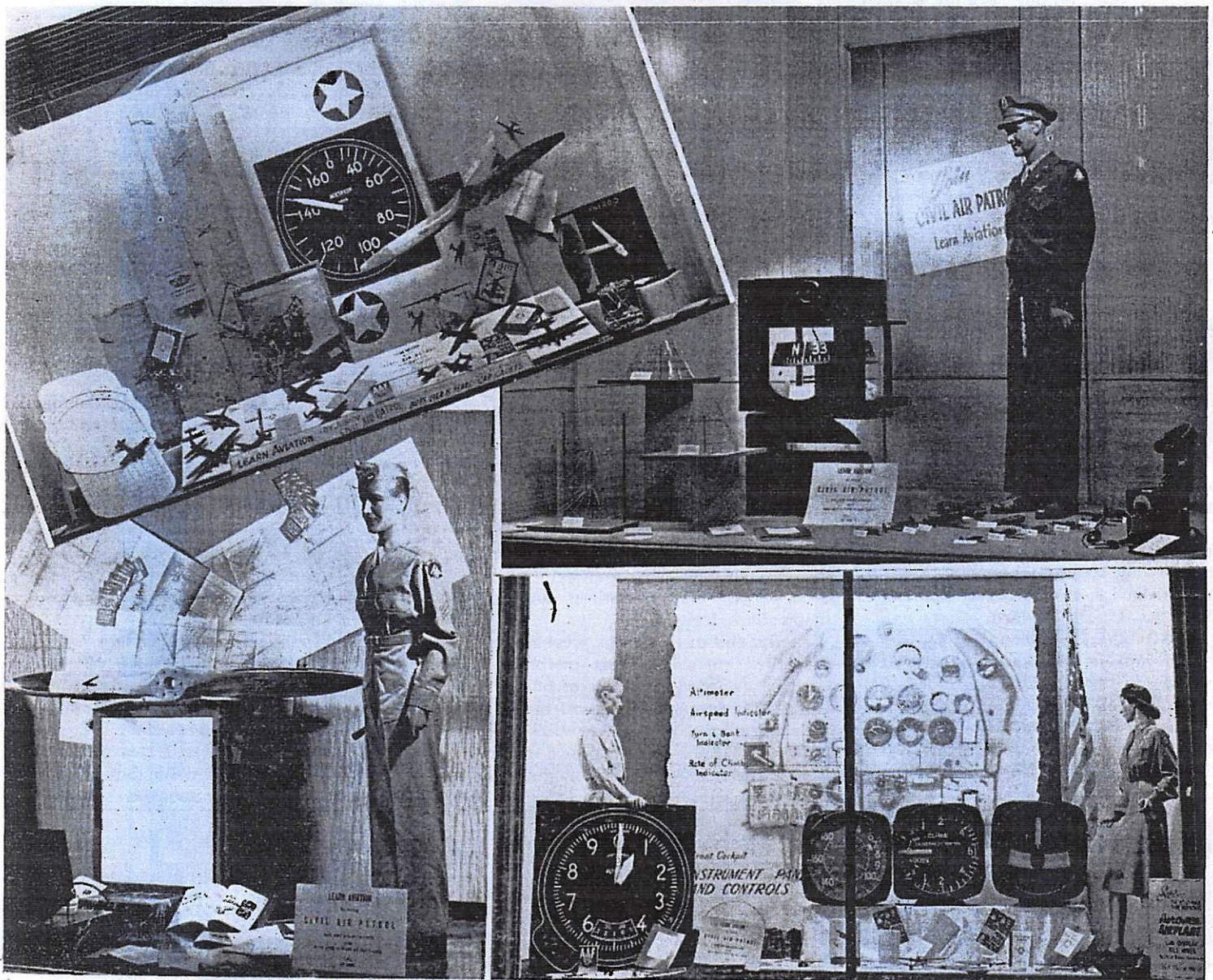
fine work that the Civil Air Patrol has been doing for the Army Air Forces. The Nebraska Wing is deeply grateful to the B. P. O. E. in Nebraska.

Vaccines are now available for typhoid inoculations and smallpox vaccinations.

Request should be made for the necessary vaccines to the Wing Medical Officer, Captain A. D. Cloyd. Do not delay in having all cadets inoculated as this is a requirement to attend this encampment.

The cadets who attended the camp at Bruning last year received valuable training and had an instructive and interesting experience. With larger attendance permitted this year and with the program already outlined by the Air Base, this encampment should be the high point of cadet activities. The cadets will live army life as lived by the regular soldiers of the Air Forces.

The Civil Air Patrol is deeply appreciative of the fine spirit of cooperation evidenced by the officers of the Kearney Air Base.



Omaha Department stores cooperated with the Nebraska Wing during CAP WEEK by decorating windows featuring Civil Air Patrol. Above, left, is window in Sears, Roebuck Co., upper right, the Nebraska Clothing

Co., lower left, Browning King, lower right, Brandeis' Department Store. In addition to the window display Brandeis' had an Aeronca Chief set up on their main floor, which attracted city-wide attention.